

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mann Serial No.: 10/016,231

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For: Chromatography Column and Method of

Its Operation

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The applicant has received the Office Action dated March 11, 2003. Amendments to the claims are provided herewith on the version entitled ***VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE***. A clean copy of the claims are enclosed in accordance with CFR §1.120.